

House File 2342 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of an advanced registered
2 nurse practitioner mental health fellowship program, and
3 providing for contingent implementation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.178 **Advanced registered nurse**
2 **practitioner mental health fellowship program — repeal.**

3 1. The department, in cooperation with the college student
4 aid commission, shall establish an advanced registered nurse
5 practitioner mental health fellowship program in accordance
6 with this section. Funding for the program may be provided
7 through the health care workforce shortage fund or the advanced
8 registered nurse practitioner mental health fellowship program
9 account created in section 135.175. The purpose of the program
10 is to determine the effect of specialized training and support
11 for advanced registered nurse practitioners in providing mental
12 health services on addressing Iowa's shortage of mental health
13 professionals.

14 2. The program shall provide for all of the following:

15 a. Collaboration with a hospital serving a thirteen-county
16 area in central Iowa that provides a clinic at the Iowa
17 veterans home, a private nonprofit agency headquartered in a
18 city with a population of more than one hundred ninety thousand
19 that operates a freestanding psychiatric medical institution
20 for children, a private university with a medical school
21 educating osteopathic physicians located in a city with a
22 population of more than one hundred ninety thousand, the Iowa
23 veterans home, and any other clinical partner designated for
24 the program. Population figures used in this paragraph refer
25 to the most recent certified federal census. The clinical
26 partners shall provide supervision, clinical experience,
27 training, and other support for the program and advanced
28 registered nurse practitioner students participating in the
29 program.

30 b. Elderly, youth, and general population clinical
31 experiences.

32 c. A fellowship of twelve months for three advanced
33 registered nurse practitioner students, annually.

34 d. Supervision of students participating in the program
35 provided by the university and the other clinical partners

1 participating in the program.

2 e. A student participating in the program shall be eligible
3 for a stipend of not more than fifty thousand dollars for the
4 twelve months of the fellowship plus related fringe benefits.
5 In addition, a student who completes the program and practices
6 in Iowa in a mental health professional shortage area, as
7 defined in section 135.80, shall be eligible for up to twenty
8 thousand dollars in loan forgiveness. The stipend and loan
9 forgiveness provisions shall be determined by the department
10 and the college student aid commission, in consultation with
11 the clinical partners.

12 f. The state and private entity clinical partners shall
13 regularly evaluate and document their experiences with the
14 approaches utilized and outcomes achieved by the program
15 to identify an optimal model for operating the program.
16 The evaluation process shall include but is not limited to
17 identifying ways the program's clinical and training components
18 could be modified to facilitate other student and practicing
19 advanced registered nurse practitioners specializing as mental
20 health professionals.

21 3. This section is repealed June 30, 2014.

22 Sec. 2. Section 135.175, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
23 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

24 a. A health care workforce support initiative is established
25 to provide for the coordination and support of various efforts
26 to address the health care workforce shortage in this state.
27 This initiative shall include the medical residency training
28 state matching grants program created in section 135.176,
29 the health care professional and nursing workforce shortage
30 initiative created in sections 261.128 and 261.129, the safety
31 net provider recruitment and retention initiatives program
32 created in section 135.153A, health care workforce shortage
33 national initiatives, ~~and~~ the physician assistant mental health
34 fellowship program created in section 135.177, and the advanced
35 registered nurse practitioner mental health fellowship program

1 created in section 135.178.

2 Sec. 3. Section 135.175, subsection 5, Code Supplement
3 2009, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* The advanced registered nurse
5 practitioner mental health fellowship program account. The
6 advanced registered nurse practitioner mental health fellowship
7 program account shall be under the control of the department
8 and the moneys in the account shall be used for the purposes
9 of the advanced registered nurse practitioner mental health
10 fellowship program as specified in section 135.178. Moneys in
11 the account shall consist of moneys appropriated or allocated
12 for deposit in or received by the fund or the account and
13 specifically dedicated to the advanced registered nurse
14 practitioner mental health fellowship program or the account
15 for the purposes of the account.

16 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION. This Act shall be implemented only
17 to the extent funding is available.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill creates an advanced registered nurse practitioner
20 (ARNP) mental health fellowship program as part of the
21 health care workforce support initiative to provide for the
22 coordination and support of various efforts to address the
23 health care workforce shortage in this state. The bill directs
24 the department of public health, in cooperation with the
25 college student aid commission, to establish an ARNP mental
26 health fellowship program, funding for which may be provided
27 through the existing health care workforce shortage fund or
28 the advanced registered nurse practitioner mental health
29 fellowship program account created in the bill. The purpose of
30 the program is to determine the effect of specialized training
31 and support for ARNPs in providing mental health services on
32 addressing Iowa's shortage of mental health professionals. The
33 bill specifies the parameters of the program, and provides
34 for the repeal of the program June 30, 2014. The bill also
35 creates an advanced registered nursed practitioner mental

1 health fellowship program account within the health care
2 workforce shortage fund. The advanced registered nurse
3 practitioner mental health fellowship program account is
4 under the control of the department of public health and the
5 moneys in the account are to be used for the purposes of the
6 advanced registered nurse practitioner mental health fellowship
7 program as specified. Moneys in the account consist of moneys
8 appropriated or allocated for deposit in or received by the
9 fund or the account and specifically dedicated to the advanced
10 registered nurse practitioner mental health fellowship program
11 or the account for the purposes of the account.

12 The bill provides that implementation of the program is
13 contingent upon availability of funding.